



What YOU Can Do On World Water Monitoring Day



*October 18, 2003 is World Water Monitoring Day – the 31st anniversary of the signing of the Clean Water Act. People across the globe will join in monitoring their local waters and learn– and educate others – about water quality. Take this opportunity to get involved in monitoring and help your watershed. **PLAN AHEAD!***

Join a local volunteer monitoring group and go water sampling. Visit EPA's national volunteer monitoring directory at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/monitoring/dir.html> to learn about groups of volunteers in your area who are trained to monitor the condition of streams, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and coastal waters.

Organize your own water monitoring or cleanup activity. You can order a simple, easy to use water monitoring kit from www.worldwatermonitoringday.org. Be sure to follow safety hints, register your site, and post your data on-line. For details on organizing a debris cleanup, visit <http://www.epa.gov/adopt/patch/watershedpatch.pdf>.

Join a local watershed group and clean up debris or restore vegetation along a waterway. EPA maintains a database of U.S. watershed organizations. Visit this database at www.epa.gov/adopt, contact a group in your area, and get involved!

Organize a storm drain stenciling or marking project in your neighborhood. Labeling storm drains “Do Not Dump – Drains to Stream or Bay” is a great way to increase awareness. Check out <http://www.epa.gov/adopt/patch/watershedpatch.pdf>, <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/dynamic/getInvolved/events/sentries/sentries.htm> (a free kit is available), and <http://www.planetrepair.org/water/water001.html>.

Talk to a local school class or ecology club about water pollution. Check with your EPA public information center for posters, brochures, or exhibit material you can use in making presentations. In addition, there are many educational materials available on the web. Here are some great websites to get you started: Water Environment Federation: <http://www.wef.org/WefStudents/Teachers/index.jhtml>; USEPA: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/students.htm>; USGS: <http://water.usgs.gov/education.html>



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